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MOSCOW 2216, 2265, 2475

1. EXPERIENCE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL EXCHANGEES R.D. PARTRIDGE AND DUANE BRUNS DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THAT EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 3 MOSCOW 2216 HAS NOT BEEN HEEDDED. ALTHOUGH PARTIRIDGE WAS MET BY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OFFICIAL UPON ARRIVAL, BRUNS AND WIFE WERE NOT, WERE REFUSED ROOM AT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HOTEL, AND HAD TO BE HOUSED BY DCM OVER WEEKEND. BRUNS INFORMS US THAT HE HAS NO RPT NO AGREED PROGRAM OF RESEARCH FOR HIS ASSIGNMENT TO BORESKOV'S INSITUTE IN NOVOSIBIRSK, AND INDEED UPON ARRIVAL, DID NOT EVEN HAVE AN ONWARD ITINERARY OR NAMES OF SOVIET CONTACTS. (EXCEPT SLIN'KO).
2. CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR BRUNS TO DEPART MOSCOW FOR NOVOSIBIRSK EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 6. SCICOUNSELOR WILL CONFER WITH HIM ON MARCH 5. CAN DEPARTMENT OBTAIN INFORMATION TO PASS ON TO BRUNS REGARDING WHICH PROJECT HE IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AND OTHER GUIDANCE HE SHOULD FOLLOW IN HOPE OF AVOIDING RECENT UNSATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE OF DR. TAYLOR.
3. EMBASSY WOULD REITERATE ITS STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THIS PROGRAM IS NOT RPT NOT BEING ADMINISTERED IN MANNER LIKELY TO PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE BENEFIT TO US RESEARCHERS. TO THIS END IT IS IMPERATIVE TO HAVE CLEAR WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING IN ADVANCE WITH SOVIETS REGARDING PRECISE RESEARCH PROGRAM TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY US RESEARCHER, FACILITIES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND OTHER CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK--SUCH AS ABILITY TO CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS. STOESEL

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